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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Albertson, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3679
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Appl. No.	:	10/728,693)	
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Filed	:	December 5, 2003)	
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For	:	CATEGORIZING FASTENERS AND)	
		CONSTRUCTION CONNECTORS)	
		USING VISUAL IDENTIFIERS)	
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Examiner	:	Unknown)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

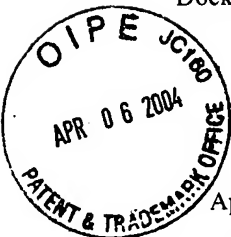
Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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02 FC:2202	18.00 OP



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

April 2, 2004

(Date)

John P. Giezentanner, Reg. No. 39,993

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 5 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Total Claims	22 - 20 = 2	2202 (\$9)	2 x 9 =	\$18
Independent Claims	5 - 4 = 1	2201 (\$43)	1 x 43 =	\$43
Multiple Claim		2203 (\$145)		\$0
			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$61

- (X) A check in the amount of \$61 is enclosed.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.
- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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